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SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : The full amount is not being utilised for the benefit of the ryots. That is what the report of the ryots of South Arcot district says. May I know how much amount has been spent in South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not have figures relating to each district. That has been kept as a separate fund and it will be utilised for works relating to this in entirety.

Cultivation of teak and turpentine plants

* 143 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether teak and turpentine plants are cultivated in the Reserve Forests of the State excluding the Nilgiris district, and, if so, the extent under such cultivation?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Teak has been raised in the Reserved Forests referred to over an area of about 12,400 acres.

Pinus longifolia, from which turpentine is manufactured, does not occur in the forests of this State.

Panchayats

* 137 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of panchayats formed in the year 1959; and

(*b*) the number of panchayats to be formed in the State?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) Two hundred and fifty-four panchayats were constituted in 1959.

(*b*) About 3,500 panchayats may have to be constituted newly in order to cover the entire rural area of the State with panchayats.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : How long will it take to complete the formation of all these panchayats?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : 31st December 1960.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR . இதுவரைக்கும் வைத்த பஞ்சாயத்துக் கவுன்சில்கள் எவ்வளவு?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : இன்னும் ஒன்றும் ஏற்படுத்தப்படவில்லை.